

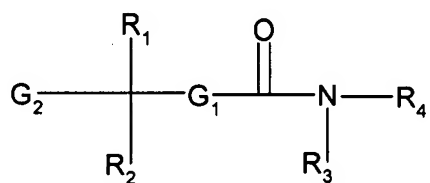
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Previously Presented) A compound of Formula (I):



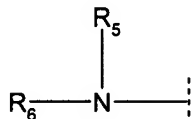
(I)

wherein

G_1 is $(CH_2)_k$, where k is 1 to 3;

G_2 is

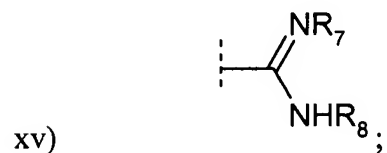
- a) hydrogen
- b) - C_{1-6} alkyl;
- c) -aryl;
- d) - C_{1-6} alkylaryl;
- e)



where R_5 and R_6 are independently selected from the group consisting of

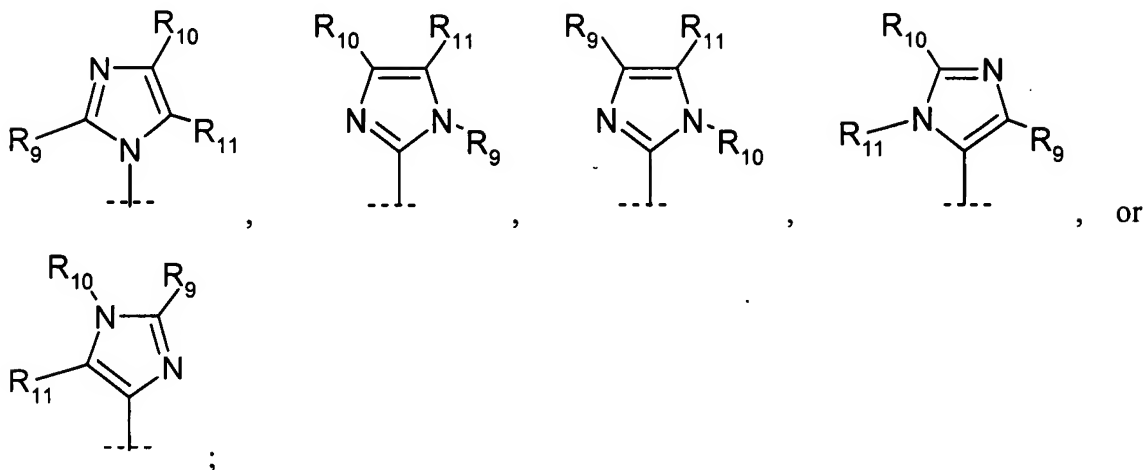
- i) -H;

- ii) -C₁₋₆ alkyl;
- iii) -aryl;
- iv) -C₁₋₆ alkylaryl;
- v) -C(O)-O-C₁₋₆ alkyl;
- vi) -C(O)-O-C₁₋₆ alkylaryl;
- vii) -C(O)-O-C₁₋₆ alkylcycloalkylaryl;
- viii) -C(O)-NH-C₁₋₆ alkyl;
- ix) -C(O)-NH-C₁₋₆ alkylaryl;
- x) -SO₂-C₁₋₆ alkyl;
- xi) -SO₂-C₁₋₆ alkylaryl;
- xii) -SO₂-aryl;
- xiii) -SO₂-NH-C₁₋₆ alkyl;
- xiv) -SO₂-NH-C₁₋₆ alkylaryl;



- xvi) -C(O)-C₁₋₆ alkyl; and
- xvii) -C(O)-C₁₋₆ alkylaryl; or

f) a group of the formula



wherein

R_9 , R_{10} , and R_{11} are independently selected from the group
consisting of

- i) -hydrogen;
- ii) -C₁₋₆ alkyl;
- iii) -aryl;
- iv) -C₁₋₆ alkylaryl;
- v) -C(O)-O-C₁₋₆ alkyl;
- vi) -C(O)-O-C₁₋₆ alkylaryl;
- vii) -C(O)-NH-C₁₋₆ alkyl;
- viii) -C(O)-NH-C₁₋₆ alkylaryl;
- ix) -SO₂-C₁₋₆ alkyl;
- x) -SO₂-C₁₋₆ alkylaryl;
- xi) -SO₂-aryl;
- xii) -SO₂-NH-C₁₋₆ alkyl;
- xiii) -SO₂-NH-C₁₋₆ alkylaryl;
- xiv) -C(O)-C₁₋₆ alkyl; and
- xv) -C(O)-C₁₋₆ alkylaryl; or

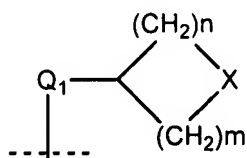
R_{10} and R_{11} are taken together to constitute a fused cycloalkyl, fused heterocyclyl, or fused aryl ring containing the atoms to which R_{10} and R_{11} are bonded;

R_1 is

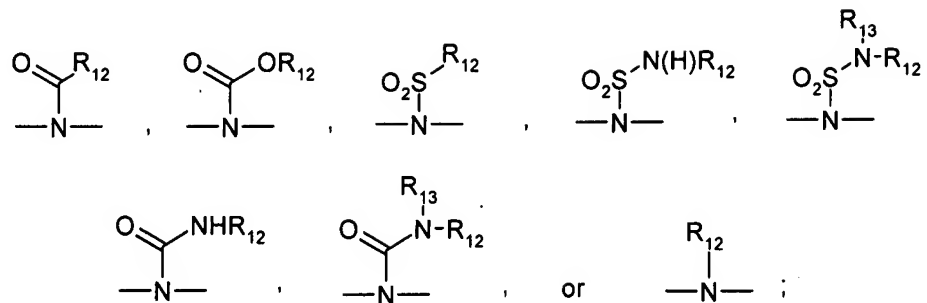
- a) hydrogen;
- b) $-C_{1-6}$ alkyl;
- c) $-aryl$; or
- d) $-C_{1-6}$ alkylaryl;

R_2 is

- a) $-C_{1-6}$ alkyl;
- b) $-aryl$;
- c) $-C_{1-6}$ alkylaryl; or
- d) a group of the formula



wherein m and n are independently selected from 1, 2, 3, or 4; X is a direct bond, CH_2 -, $-O$ -, $-S$ -, $-S(O_2)$ -, $-C(O)$ -, $-CON(H)$ -, $-NHC(O)$ -, $-NHCON(H)$ -, $-NHSO_2$ -, $-SO_2N(H)$ -, $-C(O)-O$ -, $-O-C(O)$ -, $-NHSO_2NH$ -,



-Q₁- is C₁₋₆ alkylene, C₂₋₆ alkenylene, or C₂₋₆ alkynylene;

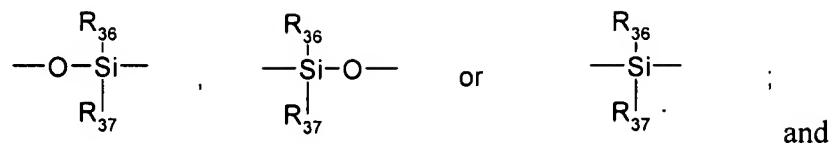
R₃ is

- a) hydrogen;
- b) -C₁₋₆ alkyl;
- c) -C₁₋₆ alkylaryl; or
- d) -C₁₋₆ alkoxyaryl;

R₄ is

- a) $-\text{C}_1-\text{C}_6-\text{alkyl}-\text{C}_6\text{H}_4-\text{L}-\text{C}_1-\text{C}_6-\text{alkyl}-\text{NR}_{14}\text{R}_{15}$;
- b) $-\text{C}_1-\text{C}_6-\text{alkyl}-\text{O}-\text{C}_6\text{H}_4-\text{L}-\text{C}_1-\text{C}_6-\text{alkyl}-\text{NR}_{14}\text{R}_{15}$; or
- c) $\text{C}_6\text{H}_4-\text{L}-\text{C}_1-\text{C}_6-\text{alkyl}-\text{NR}_{14}\text{R}_{15}$;

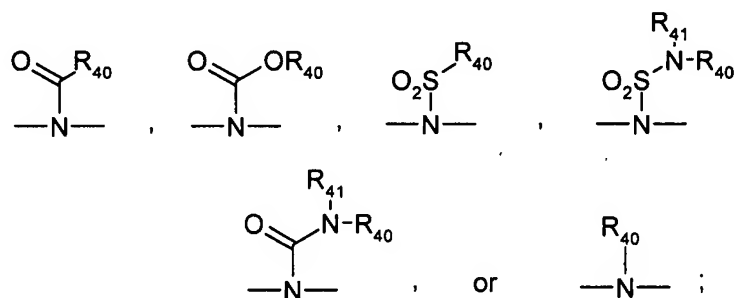
wherein L is -CH₂-, -O-, -N(H)-, -S-, SO₂-, -CON(H)-, -NHC(O)-, -NHCON(H)-, -NHSO₂-, -SO₂N(H)-, -C(O)-O-, -NHCO₂NH-, -O-CO-,



R_{36} and R_{37} are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, aryl, $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ alkyl, $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ alkylaryl, $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ alkoxy, and $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ alkoxyaryl

R_{12} and R_{13} are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ alkyl, $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ alkylaryl, and aryl;

R_7 and R_8 are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ alkyl, $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ alkylaryl, and aryl; or R_7 and R_8 are taken together to form a ring having the formula $-(\text{CH}_2)_{o'}\text{-Z}'\text{-(CH}_2)_{p'}\text{-}$ bonded to the atoms to which R_7 and R_8 are attached, wherein o' and p' are, independently, 1, 2, 3, or 4; Z' is a direct bond, $-\text{CH}_2\text{-}$, $-\text{O-}$, $-\text{S-}$, $-\text{S}(\text{O}_2)\text{-}$, $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{-}$, $-\text{CON}(\text{H})\text{-}$, $-\text{NHC}(\text{O})\text{-}$, $-\text{NHCON}(\text{H})\text{-}$, $-\text{NHSO}_2\text{-}$, $-\text{SO}_2\text{N}(\text{H})\text{-}$, $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{-O-}$, $-\text{O-C}(\text{O})\text{-}$, $-\text{NHSO}_2\text{NH-}$,



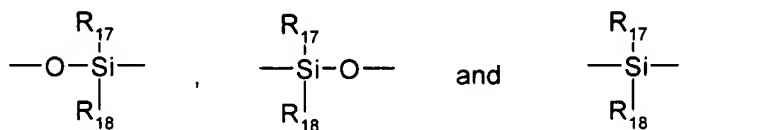
R_{40} and R_{41} are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, aryl, $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ alkyl, and $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ alkylaryl; and

wherein

the aryl and/or alkyl group(s) in R₁, R₂, R₃, R₄, R₅, R₆, R₇, R₈, R₉, R₁₀, R₁₁, R₁₂, and R₁₃ may be optionally substituted 1-4 times with a substituent group, wherein said substituent group(s) or the term substituted refers to groups:

- a) -H;
- b) -Y-C₁₋₆ alkyl;
-Y-aryl;
-Y-C₁₋₆ alkylaryl;
-Y-C₁₋₆-alkyl-NR₁₄R₁₅;
-Y-C₁₋₆-alkyl-W-R₁₆;

wherein Y and W are independently selected from the group consisting of -CH₂-, -O-, -N(H)-, -S-, SO₂-, -CON(H)-, -NHC(O)-, -NHCON(H)-, -NHSO₂-, -SO₂N(H)-, -C(O)-O-, -NHSO₂NH-, -O-CO-,

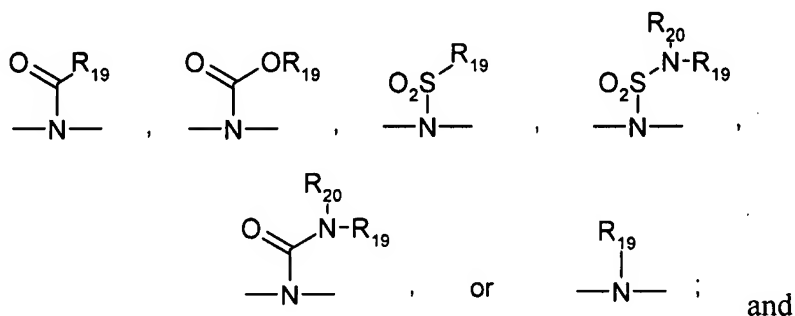


R₁₆, R₁₇, and R₁₈ are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, aryl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkylaryl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, and C₁-C₆ alkoxyaryl; and

- c) halogen, hydroxyl, cyano, carbamoyl, and carboxyl; and

R₁₄ and R₁₅ are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, aryl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, and C₁-C₆ alkylaryl; or

R_{14} and R_{15} are taken together to form a ring having the formula $-(CH_2)_o-Z-(CH_2)_p-$ bonded to the nitrogen atom to which R_{14} and R_{15} are attached, wherein o and p are, independently, 1, 2, 3, or 4; Z is a direct bond, $-CH_2-$, $-O-$, $-S-$, $-S(O_2)-$, $-C(O)-$, $-CON(H)-$, $-NHC(O)-$, $-NHCON(H)-$, $-NHSO_2-$, $-SO_2N(H)-$, $-C(O)-O-$, $-O-C(O)-$, $-NHSO_2NH-$,



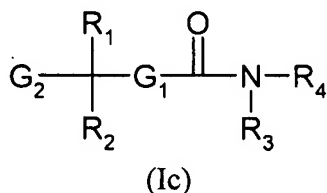
R_{19} and R_{20} are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, aryl, C_1-C_6 alkyl, and C_1-C_6 alkylaryl,

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Canceled)

4. (Previously Presented) The compound of claim 1, represented by Formula (Ic):

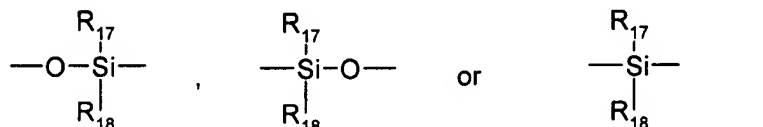


wherein,

R_1 is hydrogen, or C_{1-3} alkylaryl wherein the aryl is substituted with $-Y-C_{1-6}$ alkylaryl;

R₂ is C₁₋₃ alkylaryl wherein the aryl is substituted with -Y-C₁₋₆ alkylaryl,

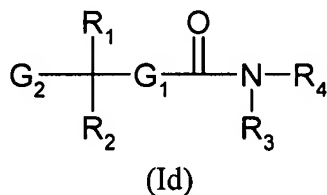
wherein Y is -CH₂-, -O-, -N(H)-, -S-, SO₂-, -CON(H)-, -NHC(O)-, -NHCON(H)-, -NHSO₂-, -SO₂N(H)-, -C(O)-O-, -NHSO₂NH-, -O-CO-,



R₁₇, and R₁₈ independently is hydrogen, aryl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkylaryl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, or C₁-C₆ alkoxyaryl,

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

5. (Previously Presented) The compound of claim 1, represented by Formula (Id):

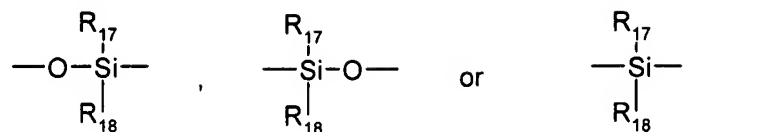


wherein,

R₁ is hydrogen, or C₁₋₃ alkylaryl wherein the aryl is substituted with -Y-C₁₋₆ alkylaryl;

R₂ is C₁₋₃ alkylaryl wherein the aryl is substituted with -Y-C₁₋₆ alkylaryl;

wherein Y is -CH₂-, -O-, -N(H)-, -S-, SO₂-, -CON(H)-, -NHC(O)-, -NHCON(H)-, -NHSO₂-, -SO₂N(H)-, -C(O)-O-, -NHSO₂NH-, -O-CO-,

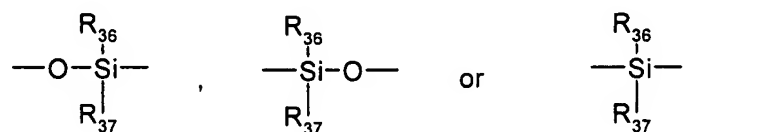


R₁₇ and R₁₈ independently is hydrogen, aryl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkylaryl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, or C₁-C₆ alkoxyaryl;

R₃ is hydrogen or -L-C₁₋₆-alkyl-N(alkyl)₂;

R₁₄ and R₁₅ are alkyl; and

wherein L is -CH₂-, -O-, -N(H)-, -S-, SO₂-, -CON(H)-, -NHC(O)-, -NHCON(H)-, -NHSO₂-, -SO₂N(H)-, -C(O)-O-, -NHSO₂NH-, -O-CO-,



R₃₅, R₃₆, and R₃₇ independently are hydrogen, aryl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkylaryl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, or C₁-C₆ alkoxyaryl,
 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Canceled)

8. (Canceled)

9. (Canceled)

10. (Canceled)

11. (Previously Presented) The compound of claim 1, wherein the compound is 3-(4-Benzyloxyphenyl)propionic Acid 2,4-Di-(3-Diethylamino-1-propoxy)aniline Amide or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

12. (Previously Presented) The compound of claim 61, wherein the compound is 3-(3-Tert-butoxyphenyl)-3-(9-fluorenylmethoxycarbonylamino)propionic Acid 2,4-Di-(3-diethylaminopropoxy)aniline Amide or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

13. (Previously Presented) The compound of claim 62, wherein the compound is 3-(3-Tert-butoxyphenyl)-3-aminopropionic Acid 2,4-Di-(3-diethylaminopropoxy)aniline Amide or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Claims 14 - 17. (Canceled)

18. (Previously Presented) The compound of claim 61, wherein the compound is 3-(4-Tert-butoxyphenyl)-3-(9-fluorenylmethoxycarbonylamino)propionic Acid 2,4-Di-(3-diethylaminopropoxy)aniline Amide or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

19. (Previously Presented) The compound of claim 62, wherein the compound is 3-amino-3-(4-tert-butoxyphenyl)propionic Acid 2,4-Di-(3-diethylaminopropoxy)aniline Amide or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

20. (Previously Presented) The compound of claim 61, wherein the compound is 3-(9-fluorenylmethoxycarbonylamino)-3-(2-tert-butoxyphenyl)propionic Acid 2,4-Di-(3-diethylaminopropoxy)aniline Amide or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

21. (Previously Presented) The compound of claim 62, wherein the compound is 3-amino-3-(2-tert-butoxyphenyl)propionic Acid 2,4-Di-(3-diethylaminopropoxy)aniline Amide or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

22. (Previously Presented) The compound of claim 62, wherein the compound is 3-Isopropylamino-3-(3-tert-butoxyphenyl)propionic Acid 2,4-Di-(3-diethylaminopropoxy)aniline Amide or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Claims 23-40. (Canceled)

41. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising the compound of Formula (I) as claimed in claim 1 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and one or more pharmaceutically acceptable carriers, excipients, or diluents.

42. (Original) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 41, in the form of an oral dosage or parenteral dosage unit.

43. (Currently Amended) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 41, wherein the pharmaceutical composition is suitable for administration of said compound is administered as a dose in a range from about 0.01 to 500 mg/kg of body weight per day.

44. (Currently Amended) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 41, wherein the pharmaceutical composition is suitable for administration of said compound is administered as a dose in a range from about 0.1 to 200 mg/kg of body weight per day.

45. (Currently Amended) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 41, wherein the pharmaceutical composition is suitable for administration of said compound is administered as a dose in a range from about 0.1 to 100 mg/kg of body weight per day.

46. (Original) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 41, further comprising one or more therapeutic agents selected from the group consisting of alkylating agents, antimetabolites, plant alkaloids, antibiotics, hormones, biologic response modifiers,

analgesics, NSAIDs, DMARDs, glucocorticoids, sulfonylureas, biguanides, insulin, cholinesterase inhibitors, antipsychotics, antidepressants, and anticonvulsants.

47. (Withdrawn) A method for the inhibition of the interaction of RAGE with its physiological ligands, which comprises administering to a subject in need thereof, at least one compound of Formula (I) as claimed in claim 1 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

48. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 47, wherein the ligand(s) is(are) selected from advanced glycated end products (AGEs), S100/calgranulin/EN-RAGE, β -amyloid and amphotericin.

49. (Withdrawn) A method for treating a disease state selected from the group consisting of acute and chronic inflammation, symptoms of diabetes, vascular permeability, nephropathy, atherosclerosis, retinopathy, Alzheimer's disease, erectile dysfunction, and tumor invasion and/or metastasis, which comprises administering to a subject in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of at least one compound of Formula (I) as claimed in claim 1 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

50. (Withdrawn) A method of prevention and/or treatment of RAGE mediated human diseases comprising administration to a human in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Formula (I) as claimed in claim 1, wherein a therapeutically effective amount comprises sufficient compound to at least partially inhibit the binding of a ligand to the RAGE receptor or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

51. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 50, further comprising administering to a subject in need thereof at least one adjuvant and/or additional therapeutic agent(s).

52. (Withdrawn) A method of claim 51, wherein therapeutic agents selected from the group consisting of alkylating agents, antimetabolites, plant alkaloids, antibiotics, hormones, biologic response modifiers, analgesics, NSAIDs, DMARDs, glucocorticoids, sulfonyleureas, biguanides, insulin, cholinesterase inhibitors, antipsychotics, antidepressants, and anticonvulsants.

53. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 50, wherein the RAGE mediated human disease comprises acute and/or chronic inflammation.

54. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 50, wherein the RAGE mediated human disease comprises vascular permeability.

55. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 50, wherein the RAGE mediated human disease comprises nephropathy.

56. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 50, wherein the RAGE mediated human disease comprises atherosclerosis.

57. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 50, wherein the RAGE mediated human disease comprises retinopathy.

58. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 50, wherein the RAGE mediated human disease comprises Alzheimer's disease.

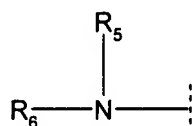
59. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 50, wherein the RAGE mediated human disease comprises erectile dysfunction.

60. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 50, wherein the RAGE mediated human disease comprises tumor invasion and/or metastasis.

61. (Previously Presented) The compound of Formula (I) in claim 1 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein

G₁ is -CH₂-

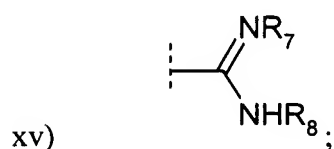
G₂ is



wherein

R₅ and R₆ are independently selected from the group consisting of

- i) -H;
- ii) -C₁₋₆ alkyl;
- iii) -aryl;
- iv) -C₁₋₆ alkylaryl;
- v) -C(O)-O-C₁₋₆ alkyl;
- vi) -C(O)-O-C₁₋₆ alkylaryl;
- vii) -C(O)-O-C₁₋₆ alkylcycloalkylaryl;
- viii) -C(O)-NH-C₁₋₆ alkyl;
- ix) -C(O)-NH-C₁₋₆ alkylaryl;
- x) -SO₂-C₁₋₆ alkyl;
- xi) -SO₂-C₁₋₆ alkylaryl;
- xii) -SO₂-aryl;
- xiii) -SO₂-NH-C₁₋₆ alkyl;
- xiv) -SO₂-NH-C₁₋₆ alkylaryl;



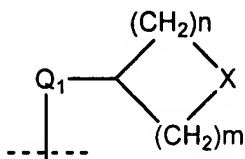
- xvi) $-\text{C}(\text{O})-\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyl; or
 xvii) $-\text{C}(\text{O})-\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkylaryl;

R_1 is

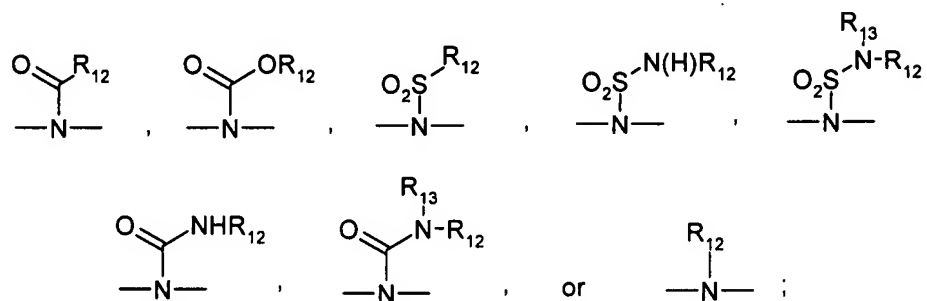
- a) hydrogen;
 b) $-\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyl;
 c) -aryl; or
 d) $-\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkylaryl;

R_2 is

- a) $-\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyl;
 b) -aryl;
 c) $-\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkylaryl; or
 d) a group of the formula



wherein m and n are independently selected from 1, 2, 3, or 4; X is a direct bond, CH_2 -, $-\text{O}$ -, $-\text{S}$ -, $-\text{S}(\text{O}_2)$ -, $-\text{C}(\text{O})$ -, $-\text{CON}(\text{H})$ -, $-\text{NHC}(\text{O})$ -, $-\text{NHCON}(\text{H})$ -, $-\text{NHSO}_2$ -, $-\text{SO}_2\text{N}(\text{H})$ -, $-\text{C}(\text{O})-\text{O}$ -, $-\text{O}-\text{C}(\text{O})$ -, $-\text{NHSO}_2\text{NH}$ -,

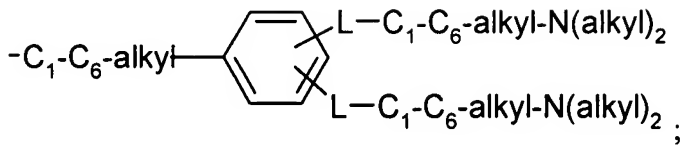
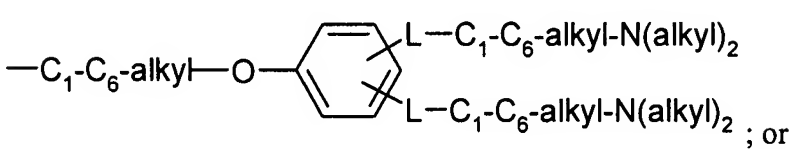
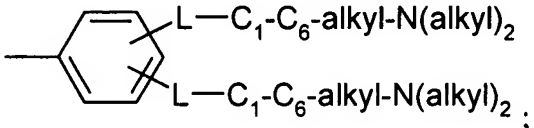


$-\text{Q}_1-$ is C_{1-6} alkylene, C_{2-6} alkenylene, or C_{2-6} alkynylene;

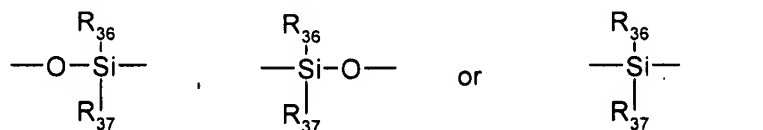
R₃ is

- a) hydrogen;
- b) -C₁₋₆ alkyl;
- c) -C₁₋₆ alkylaryl; or
- d) -C₁₋₆ alkoxyaryl;; and

R₄ is

- a)  ;
- b)  ; or
- c)  ;

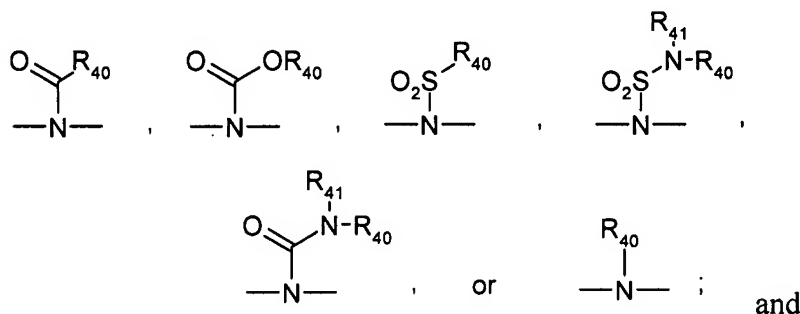
wherein L is -CH₂-, -O-, -N(H)-, -S-, SO₂-, -CON(H)-, -NHC(O)-, -NHCON(H)-, -NHSO₂-, -SO₂N(H)-, -C(O)-O-, -NHSO₂NH-, -O-CO-,



R₃₆ and R₃₇ are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, aryl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkylaryl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, and C₁-C₆ alkoxyaryl;

R₁₂ and R₁₃ are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkylaryl, and aryl;

R₇ and R₈ are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkylaryl, and aryl; or R₇ and R₈ are taken together to form a ring having the formula -(CH₂)_{o'}-Z'-(CH₂)_{p'}- bonded to the atoms to which R₇ and R₈ are attached, wherein o' and p' are, independently, 1, 2, 3, or 4; Z' is a direct bond, -CH₂-, -O-, -S-, -S(O₂)-, -C(O)-, -CON(H)-, -NHC(O)-, -NHCON(H)-, -NHSO₂-, -SO₂N(H)-, -C(O)-O-, -O-C(O)-, -NHSO₂NH-,



R₄₀ and R₄₁ are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, aryl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, and C₁-C₆ alkylaryl; and

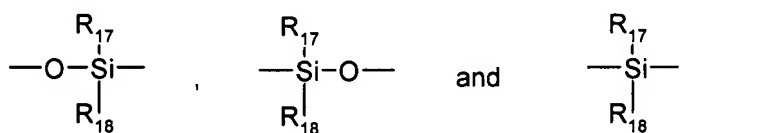
wherein

the aryl and/or alkyl group(s) in R₁, R₂, R₃, R₄, R₅, R₆, R₇, R₈, R₁₂ and R₁₃ may be optionally substituted 1-4 times with a substituent group, wherein said substituent group(s) or the term substituted refers to groups:

- a) -H;
- b) -Y-C₁₋₆ alkyl;
 -Y-aryl;
 -Y-C₁₋₆ alkylaryl;
 -Y-C₁₋₆-alkyl-NR₁₄R₁₅;

-Y-C₁₋₆-alkyl-W-R₁₆;

wherein Y and W are independently selected from the group consisting of -CH₂-, -O-, -N(H)-, -S-, SO₂-, -CON(H)-, -NHC(O)-, -NHCON(H)-, -NHSO₂-, -SO₂N(H)-, -C(O)-O-, -NHSO₂NH-, -O-CO-,

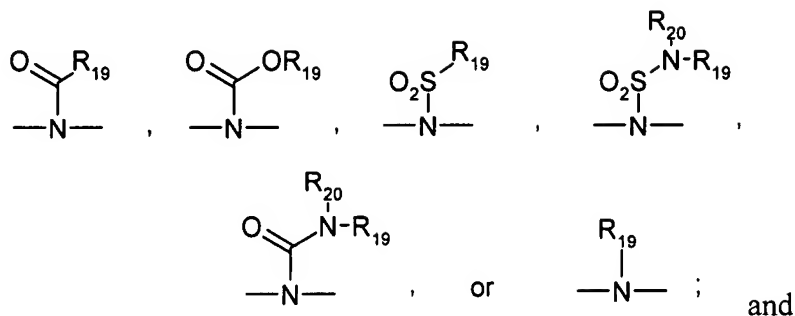


R₁₆, R₁₇, and R₁₈ are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, aryl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkylaryl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, and C₁-C₆ alkoxyaryl; and

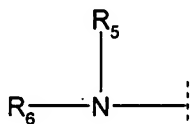
c) halogen, hydroxyl, cyano, carbamoyl, and carboxyl; and

R₁₄ and R₁₅ are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, aryl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, and C₁-C₆ alkylaryl; or

R₁₄ and R₁₅ are taken together to form a ring having the formula -(CH₂)_o-Z-(CH₂)_p- bonded to the nitrogen atom to which R₁₄ and R₁₅ are attached, wherein o and p are, independently, 1, 2, 3, or 4; Z is a direct bond, -CH₂-, -O-, -S-, -S(O₂)-, -C(O)-, -CON(H)-, -NHC(O)-, -NHCON(H)-, -NHSO₂-, -SO₂N(H)-, -C(O)-O-, -O-C(O)-, -NHSO₂NH-,



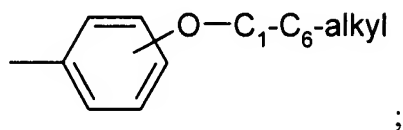
G_2 is



R_6 is

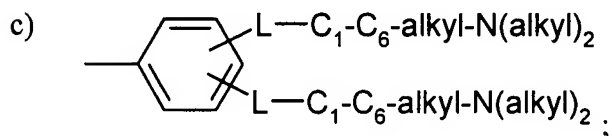
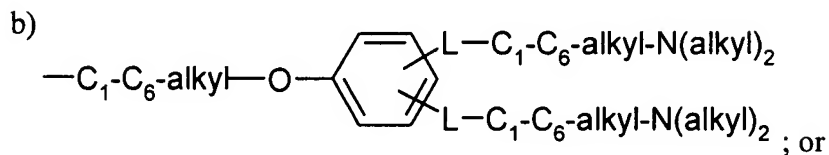
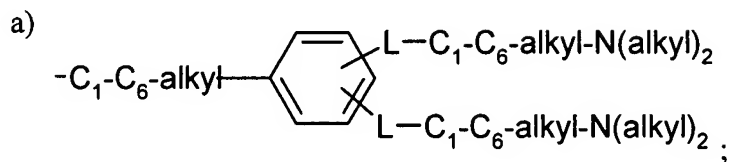
- i) $-H$;
- ii) $-C_{1-6}$ alkyl; or
- iii) $-C(O)-O-C_{1-6}$ alkylcycloalkylaryl;

R_2 is

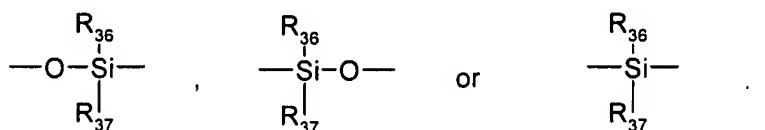


R₃ is -H; and

R₄ is



wherein L is -CH₂-, -O-, -N(H)-, -S-, SO₂-, -CON(H)-, -NHC(O)-, -NHCON(H)-, -NHSO₂-, -SO₂N(H)-, -C(O)-O-, -NHSO₂NH-, -O-CO-,



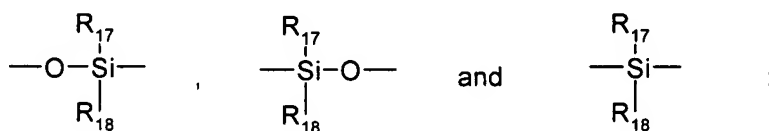
R₃₆ and R₃₇ are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, aryl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkylaryl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, and C₁-C₆ alkoxyaryl;

and wherein

the aryl and/or alkyl group(s) in R₁, R₂, R₃, R₄, R₅, R₆, R₇, R₈, R₁₂ and R₁₃ may be optionally substituted 1-4 times with a substituent group, wherein said substituent group(s) or the term substituted refers to groups:

- a) -H;
- b) -Y-C₁₋₆ alkyl;
 -Y-aryl;
 -Y-C₁₋₆ alkylaryl;
 -Y-C₁₋₆-alkyl-NR₁₄R₁₅;
 -Y-C₁₋₆-alkyl-W-R₁₆;

wherein Y and W are independently selected from the group consisting of -CH₂-, -O-, -N(H), -S-, SO₂-, -CON(H)-, -NHC(O)-, -NHCON(H)-, -NHSO₂-, -SO₂N(H)-, -C(O)-O-, -NHSO₂NH-, -O-CO-,



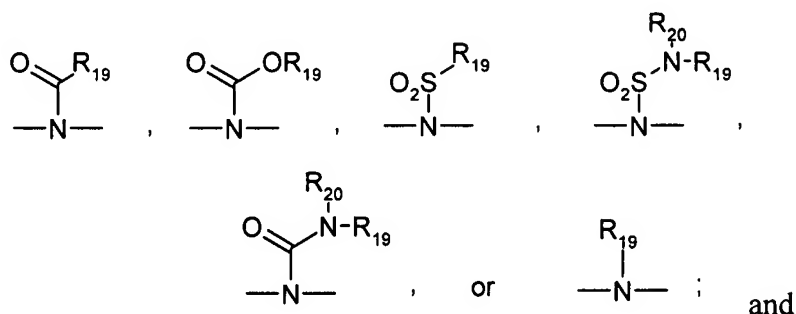
R₁₆, R₁₇, and R₁₈ are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, aryl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkylaryl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, and C₁-C₆ alkoxyaryl; and

- c) halogen, hydroxyl, cyano, carbamoyl, or carboxyl; and

R₁₄ and R₁₅ are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, aryl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, and C₁-C₆ alkylaryl; or

R₁₄ and R₁₅ are taken together to form a ring having the formula -(CH₂)_o-Z-(CH₂)_p- bonded to the nitrogen atom to which R₁₄ and R₁₅ are attached, wherein o and p are,

independently, 1, 2, 3, or 4; Z is a direct bond, -CH₂-, -O-, -S-, -S(O₂)-, -C(O)-, -CON(H)-, -NHC(O)-, -NHCON(H)-, -NHSO₂-, -SO₂N(H)-, -C(O)-O-, -O-C(O)-, -NHSO₂NH-,



R₁₉ and R₂₀ are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, aryl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, and C₁-C₆ alkylaryl.

63. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising the compound of Formula (I) as claimed in claim 4 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and one or more pharmaceutically acceptable carriers, excipients, or diluents.

64. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising the compound of Formula (I) as claimed in claim 5 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and one or more pharmaceutically acceptable carriers, excipients, or diluents.

65. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising the compound of Formula (I) as claimed in claim 11 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and one or more pharmaceutically acceptable carriers, excipients, or diluents.

66. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising the compound of Formula (I) as claimed in claim 12 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and one or more pharmaceutically acceptable carriers, excipients, or diluents.

67. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising the compound of Formula (I) as claimed in claim 13 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and one or more pharmaceutically acceptable carriers, excipients, or diluents.

68. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising the compound of Formula (I) as claimed in claim 18 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and one or more pharmaceutically acceptable carriers, excipients, or diluents.

69. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising the compound of Formula (I) as claimed in claim 19 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and one or more pharmaceutically acceptable carriers, excipients, or diluents.

70. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising the compound of Formula (I) as claimed in claim 20 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and one or more pharmaceutically acceptable carriers, excipients, or diluents.

71. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising the compound of Formula (I) as claimed in claim 21 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and one or more pharmaceutically acceptable carriers, excipients, or diluents.

72. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising the compound of Formula (I) as claimed in claim 22 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and one or more pharmaceutically acceptable carriers, excipients, or diluents.